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SUBJ: NEPALESE PERMREP'S IMPRESSIONS FROM VISIT TO  
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

1. NEPALESE PERMREP UPADHYAY, WHO MAKES GOOD IMPRESSION AS  
A CALM, SERIOUS POLITICAL OBSERVER, GAVE AMBASSADOR  
BENNETT HIS REACTIONS AFTER VISITS THIS PAST SUMMER TO  
BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

2. UPADHYAY WAS STRUCK WITH THE EXTENT OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT ON BOTH COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SOUTH KOREA.  
TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S OBSERVATION THAT ROK HAD THE  
MOST RAPIDLY INCREASING GNP IN ASIA AFTER JAPAN, NEPALESE  
PEREMREP REMARKED THAT THIS WAS INDEED A REMARKABLE  
NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT. HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED, DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN RICH AND POOR WERE MUCH MORE APPARENT THAT IN  
NORTH KOREA.

3. FROM FIRM POSITIONS TAKEN WITH HIM IN PYONYANG,  
UPADHYAY HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT NORTH KOREA DID NOT CON-  
SIDER ITSELF AS BEING UNDER CONTROL OF EITHER CHINA OR  
USSR. IN PARTICULAR, HE BELIEVED SOVIETS HAD LOST GROUND  
IN NORTH KOREA. HE WAS EXPECIALLY STRUCK WITH THE STRONG  
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PERSONALITY CULT IN NORTH KOREA, WHICH HE FELT WAS FAR MORE

ADVANCED AND PERVASIVE THAT EVEN IN CHINA. ON OTHER HAND  
HE CONSIDERED ROK ALSO HAD SOME ATTRIBUTES OF A POLICE  
STATE.

4. UPADHYAY WONDERED WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO RETAIN 40,000  
U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA. BENNETT RESPONDED WITH GENERAL  
EXPLANATION, COMMENTING ON CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY OF THE  
AREA, AND FACT THAT FORCES SERVE TO PREVENT MILITARY  
ADVENTURISM BY EITHER SIDE. THIS LAST WAS A NEW THOUGHT  
TO UPADHYAY AND HE SEEMED IMPRESSED (BOTH HOSTS HAD INSISTED  
HE VISIT FROM DMZ FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES).

5. WHILE UPADHYAY SEEMED GENERALLY MORE DISPOSED TOWARDS  
ROK THAN DPRK, HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL WITH RESPECT TO KOREAN  
ISSUE AND THE TWO RESOLUTIONS NOW CIRCULATING.  
BENNETT

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